

forests, so we don't make all the CO₂ and have all the fire and soot and ash that blows all the way back to the East Coast. This CO₂ this is deceptive, and we need to think differently.

THE NATIONAL DEBT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Georgia (Mrs. GREENE of Georgia) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I would like to address the 117th Congress and talk about our national debt.

Currently, we are at \$28,809,752,000,000. The numbers are rising so fast, I couldn't name them all. It is continuing to rise, yet we are considering a budget this week at \$4.3 trillion, which would be the most expensive piece of legislation in United States history, which is mind-boggling, especially considering the fact that we also are looking at voting on a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill that is mostly socialism, giving things away for free and wasting the taxpayers' dollars.

Considering the fact that we just abandoned Americans in Afghanistan, armed the Taliban, and 13 of our own military were killed in the process, we also just let in tens of thousands of Haitians into our country through our southern border, which is wide open and out of control. Also on Friday, the Democrats, all except one, voted for full-term abortion and called it women's healthcare, then celebrated on the Capitol steps, which most people in this country find appalling.

You see, abortion up until full term for a baby, at 9 months pregnancy, is evil and something that this Congress should have never considered. Yet, unfortunately, that is the bill that passed the House on Friday.

So now we are looking at \$4.3 trillion in new spending; \$2.1 trillion in higher taxes; \$2.4 trillion in new debt, with more interest; and \$7.5 billion for a Civilian Climate Corps, which is part of the Green New Deal. Government doesn't need to be creating a climate police force; government needs to be getting out of the way of the American people and their businesses so that they don't have to compete with the Federal Government to hire people to get back to work.

Businesses all over the country are struggling to find people to work in their companies. We need truck drivers. We need nurses.

We need to stop vaccine mandates and silly rules requiring people to wear masks everywhere they go and children to wear masks. If vaccines work, then people who get them should trust them. And if people are still afraid, then they can wear a mask. And if they are still afraid, then they can shelter in place. But the rest of the healthy population in the United States should not be limited and held back. We should be able to go to work, go to school, go into restaurants and stores,

without being shamed and divided among the American people.

COVID-19 has been a terrible thing sent to us through China and actually funded, sadly, through the gain-of-function research through our own Federal Government at the will of Dr. Fauci. Yet, he still has his job, while hundreds of thousands of small businesses have failed, and they don't have their jobs.

This government is failing the American people, and the more votes we take this week we are going to continue to fail the American people.

This is why I walked in here this morning to make a motion to adjourn. But then I was told I couldn't make a motion to adjourn because we hadn't said the prayer or the pledge. It is very unfortunate. We should make a motion to adjourn because Congress should stop. Congress is the one ruining the lives of the American people, not helping them, like they claim to do.

It is our Federal Government's role to keep our border strong, safe, and secure.

It is our government's role to never abandon Americans in a foreign country ruled by radical Islamic terrorists that would like to kill them just because they are Americans.

It is not our Federal Government's job to pass a bill or consider even making a law, abortion up until full term, and then call it women's healthcare. This is too much. It is out of control.

So, simply, I would like to make a motion to adjourn. I think it is silly that I can't do so as an elected member of Congress representing the 14th District of Georgia simply because we haven't said the pledge or the prayer.

As you can see, rules in Congress just don't work because the rules here in Congress are allowing everything to continue to go downhill and hurt the people that pay the taxes and pay for all of this up here anyway.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MRVAN) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, we pray for Your shalom, Your peace for our world, for our Nation, our communities, and our families.

In You, we find all that we need to be whole and well. In You, we are grounded in truth, that we would show integrity and honesty. In You, we are given purpose, a vision of what it means to dwell in harmony.

In Your peace, we have all that we need to live and thrive.

So if we align ourselves to Your paradigm of peace, grant us then Your favor. If we humble ourselves, grant us success in our endeavors to do Your will. If we trust in You, give us a wealth of confidence in our abilities to carry out Your intent. If we follow Your guidance, prosper us with Your bounteous grace that we would experience the certainty of Your blessing.

Then may our world, our Nation, our communities, and our families receive that blessing this day.

In the peace of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. KIM) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. KIM of California led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Saturday, September 25, 2021:

H.R. 5293, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes;

S. 189, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2021, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes;

S. 1828, to amend the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 to authorize the provision of payment to personnel of the Central Intelligence Agency who incur qualifying injuries to the brain, to authorize the provision of payment to personnel of the Department of State who incur similar injuries, and for other purposes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair